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Dear IMEA Members and Associate Members,

I want to begin by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and thank you for your time and efforts in 2020. A special thanks to our board members for their years of service advancing Public Power in Indiana and wish them all well in their future endeavors.

All IMEA Board Members have brought years of experience and knowledge to the team and we look forward to continuing working with each of them.

I would also like to take the time to thank our Staff for their dedication given to IMEA in all facets of the Organization. Last-but-not-least, I would like to thank Bob Dunderman, our 2020 Board President. Bob has been a true asset to the IMEA & we appreciate him for his efforts throughout this previous year.

Wow, what a year 2020! Times of a very unexpected pandemic. IMEA, has made every attempt to demonstrate a capacity for resilience to assist in change during this crisis. We, as an organization have focused on responding to these changes that have been occurring throughout the 2020 year and into 2021. Offering virtual safety webinars to all Indiana municipal safety members, and other parts of the municipalities. Opening an opportunity to any employee of our public power member utilities to participate in these changes. Working through virtual communication, educational programs, and never failing to continue being available when needed. Our members are our priority!

My focus for 2021 will be to continue to keep IMEA strong and vital for its members. One of the organization's primary functions is to facilitate the exchange of ideas, information and best practices among member systems, offering support in resources, mutual aid, and educational opportunities to all utilities. We will continue looking to expand our partnerships and relationships to bring additional services and value to our members.

In closing, I would like to thank the IMEA Members, Associate Members, Board Members and Committee Members, for all of their hard work, guidance and dedication. I am always available & my door is always open to our Members if needing assistance with a question or concern. Please email me at: line@cityofreusselaerin.com.

Sincerest Regards,

2021 IMEA Board President, Lenny Larson